

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling access to a data structure having a plurality of sections, said method comprising the steps of:

designating identification of users with respective sections of the data structure wherein each of the respective sections is comprised of a plurality of independently accessible storage areas; and

enabling each of the users access to the storage areas in the respective sections of the data structure ~~to users corresponding to the~~ designated by each users' respective identification, said access permitted to each of the users responsive to the designating identification of the users ~~being designated with the respective sections of the data structures; and~~

preventing any of said users from having access to any of said sections which have not been designated with identification of said any of said users.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of designating includes entering the identification into respective linking sections of the data structure, each of the linking sections being associated with a portion of the sections of the data structure.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of designating includes associating the identification to the respective sections of the data structure from another data structure.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
sending an e-mail to one of the users alerting the user of the user's ability to access the sections of the data structure associated with the user's identification.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

creating, by one of the users, a password, to limit access to the sections of the data structure associated with the one user's identification to the one user and other users having access rights to the sections of the data structure associated with the one user's identification.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

reassigning, by one of the users, access rights to at least a portion of the sections of the data structure associated with the one user's identification to another user.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of enabling includes enabling at least one of editing the respective sections by users corresponding to the designated identification, and viewing the respective sections by users corresponding to the designated identification.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of designating includes designating identification of users with respective data cells of a spreadsheet included in the data structure.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of designating includes selecting at least one section in the data structure and entering an identification into a linking section of the data structure to link the at least one selected section with a user associated with the entered identification, and said step of enabling includes enabling access to the at least one selected section to the user associated with the entered identification.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of selecting included in said step of designating includes selecting the at least one section as a data cell in a spreadsheet, and said step of enabling includes enabling access to the data cell to the user associated with the entered identification.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of selecting includes at least one of highlighting the data cell and clicking on the data cell.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing a data structure, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving authorization, by a user, to access at least a portion of a plurality of sections included in the data structure, the authorization being provided by designating an identification

of the user with the portion of the sections in the data structure, wherein each of the sections is comprised of a plurality of independently accessible storage areas; and

enabling the user to accessing-access the portion of the sections of the data structure based on the received authorization; and

preventing users other than the user from having access to any of said sections which have not been designated with identification of said any of said users.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:

receiving, by the user, an e-mail alerting the user of the user's ability to access the portion of the sections.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:

creating, by the user, a password, to limit access to the portion of the sections of the data structure to the user and said other users having access rights to the portion of the sections of the data structure.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:

reassigning, by the user, access rights to at least a portion of the portion of sections to another user of said other users.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said step of receiving includes at least one of receiving authorization to edit the portion of the sections, and receiving authorization to view the portion of the sections.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said step of accessing includes accessing the portion of the sections as data cells in a spreadsheet.

18. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable medium including software that is adapted to control a computer to implement a processing method of enabling access to a data structure having a plurality of sections, said processing method comprising the steps of:

designating identification of users with respective sections of the data structure wherein each of the respective sections is comprised of a plurality of independently accessible storage areas; and

enabling each of the users access to the storage areas in the respective sections of the data structure ~~to users corresponding to the designated by each users' respective identification, said access permitted to each of the users~~ responsive to the designating identification of the users ~~being designated with the respective sections of the data structures; and~~

preventing any of said users from having access to any of said sections which have not been designated with identification of said any of said users.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling access to a data structure, said method comprising the steps of:

associating a first cell with a first section of the data structure comprised of independently accessible storage areas;

associating a second cell with a second section of the data structure;

enabling a first user to view data contained in only the first section of the data structure by entering a first identification associated with the first user in the first cell; and

enabling a second user to view data contained in only the second section of the data structure by entering a second identification associated with the second user in the second cell; and

preventing the first user from accessing data in the second section; and

preventing the second user from accessing data in the first section.